

Your Uncle Fullers Diary



THE SMALL BOY about town is just at present undergoing a trying ordeal of mingled dread and surprise, by reason of the recent ordinance making vaccination compulsory. Well do I remember the ingenious schemes I concocted to escape the dreaded doctor when he came around to perform the necessary operation on me at the tender age of eight years. I got wind of the mysterious physician's object, and away I went. The entire household, accompanied by half the friends of the family, instituted a brisk search for several hours before I was brought to light from the most secluded nook, in the corner behind the ash-bank. Finally I was hauled out, and the suspense and terror of the operation caused my auburn locks to resemble an angry porcupine's back. It was soon all over, however, and then the satisfaction of knowing that I would be exempt from the dreaded malady was something to inspire a happiness not to be excelled by the occasion of my first pair of boots.

But the authorities in Richmond are no respecters of persons. They have no pets or favorites, and you can't pay your way out of the dilemma, for the wishes of the few must be sacrificed for the good of the masses. No syndicates and monopolies in this traffic. Everybody will have to share in the enterprise. The rich and the poor, young and old, male and female, white, black, chocolate and amber—all must submit to the great, universal, sweeping necessity—in order to contribute to the public good.

But you, well-to-do society girl, let me warn you. Don't allow your pretty, plump arm to be disgraced by the vaccination's knife. This is one instance where the young members of the medical profession have ample opportunity to make their mark. No syndicates and monopolies in this traffic. Everybody will have to share in the enterprise. The rich and the poor, young and old, male and female, white, black, chocolate and amber—all must submit to the great, universal, sweeping necessity—in order to contribute to the public good.

It is downright interesting to see how rapidly the local political aspirants are adding to their list of friends. Five delegates to the House and two State Senators are to be elected by Richmond and vicinity, and some of those who are willing to serve their country in this capacity are looking no time in getting in some effective licks for number one. Of course, everybody is expected to array himself on one side or the other. Meantime the drink-mixer around the corner is reaping a harvest, for every ten "set-ups" means an extra chance for him who dishes out the cordial invitation to come and "be sociable with the boys." But what a disappointment to some of the enthusiastic electioneers, if the Sunday law should be strictly enforced, thereby squelching many a fair prospect of influencing a "friend" while slipping a palatable mint julep through a straw during a social Sunday morning sojourn in a down-town sample-room! Go it, ye minor aspirants, and let no one rally forth in opposition to those glorious aspirations so dear to thine heart! For there is not a would-be candidate to be found from the utter limits of Reservoir Park to the southern slopes of Barton Heights to the most sequestered retreats of Swanboro, who does not love his country with an ardency only exceeded by his love for the political honors appertaining thereto. Be not discouraged, thou who wouldst cast a loving, lingering look upon the vacant seat in the Legislature, for even shouldst thou fail to gather the honor, thou wilt have the satisfaction of knowing that it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

But, speaking of getting one's self elected, the first requisite is to drink bumperfuls of beer, and grow fat. People hesitate to support lean men; they don't look important enough. A very fat man wears an air of dignity that takes the public eye. Somehow, there is a certain legal appearance about all his languid movements which carries its weight in an election. Now, there's Captain Taylor Stratton, for example. There's not a shadow of doubt in my mind that his brisk electioneering efforts will be crowned with success. He has been there before, and he understands all the tricks of the trade. He is a legislative body. Physically speaking, the Captain fills the bill, and then, he's mighty apt to go in with a flourish on general principles. All you've got to do is to fatten up like Taylor Stratton, freshen up your smiles with a certain delightful geniality, "set up" liberally a dozen of times a day, and there's no use talking, your eloquent voice will resound through the historic cloisters of the State House.

Among the dry goods clerks in the city there is a movement on foot to get the various proprietors to close their establishments at 6 o'clock in the evening during the summer season. Many of the most prominent dry goods men are heartily in favor of the plan, and have agreed to adopt it, while some few refuse to grant their clerks' petition. I was a clerk in a dry goods store myself once upon a time, and I know just what they have to do. My salary was \$2.75 per week, and I was expected to set 'em up to cigars. A lady would wait into the establishment every hour, and examine each article of dress goods for some ten minutes. After inspecting the entire stock, she frequently bought a yard and a quarter of blue ribbon at eight cents a yard. My commission on such purchases was not calculated to make me a millionaire, to say the least. Many a clerk in Richmond is detained an hour or more after 6 o'clock simply to effect such bargains, and frequently his evening engagement has to be broken because the proprietor is unwilling to close at 6 o'clock. A dry goods clerk has a hard time, any way you put it. He leads a hum-drum, prosaic sort of life, and after a long summer day's work he ought by all means to have a few hours before bedtime in which to get a little fresh air in one of the parks. There's nothing more to be kept in store, open later than 6 o'clock. If all the merchants should sign an agreement to close at this hour, I venture that not a customer in the city will complain of the fact. The clerks will be more capable of doing good work the next day, and the proprietors will be certain that there is nothing lost by the plan. It is entirely reasonable on the part of the clerk, and I for one sympathize with him. Meantime, if I can do anything for you, my fellow-clerk, I am right with you, for I've been there myself, and I know all about it.

It was on the corner of Ninth and Bank streets, and a young man with a sporting tendency was languidly puffing his cigar. A Baptist preacher walked up and addressed him. "Young man," said he, "that is a very useless and expensive habit. Men burn

up small fortunes every year in cigars and tobacco. How long have you been smoking?"

"About eleven years," replied the young man, puffing like a furnace.

"And how many cigars a day do you smoke?" continued the preacher.

"From eight to ten," replied the young man.

"That smells like a good brand; what do you pay for your cigars?"

"Fifteen cents apiece," returned the smoker, with a nonchalant air.

"Why, just think of it," resumed the preacher. "By investing the money you've spent on tobacco for the past eleven years, you would have that block of buildings across the street."

The young man arched his brows. "Do you smoke?" he asked.

"No," said the preacher. "I haven't used tobacco in any shape or form for over twenty years."

"Ah—yes, I see," came the answer; "and where is your block of buildings?"

The preacher went on his way without replying. The young man smiled, and continued to puff his Havana.

Isn't it a shame that a city as large as Richmond doesn't furnish anything interesting in the way of base-ball? Why, the "cranks" have subsided into a state of semi-stagnation since the season began. When the "Varsities" and the men from New Haven drew a large crowd to Island Park some time ago, everybody was more or less disappointed. The orange and blue achieved little or no glory. Indeed, they played a tame game, losing no little of the reputation they had acquired. The Yale men, too, fell far below everybody's expectations, and that red-haired pitcher, formerly of Princeton, proved an easy "snap" for the "Varsity boys, who batted the sphere with a vengeance. The Bean-Eaters had a walk-over with the Yankees recently. A one-sided game never arouses any interest, and the "cranks" were again deeply disappointed. Several other games have brought out creditable crowds only to tire everybody, and tempt them to swear off from attending the park henceforward and forever. Some thousand or two devotees of the diamond are simply sighing for a respectable contest, and so far there hasn't been one. Such a record doesn't speak a volume for the base-ball talent of a city that gave the world such celebrities as the late Charlie Ferguson, who in the box, became the idol of the Quaker City "cranks," and Billy Nash with his present national reputation as a guardian of the canvas on third. Are there not some enterprising sports in the city to stir up the devotees of the ash and sphere? It seems a pity to allow an abundance of ripe talent to go to waste for want of practice. Wake up, boys, and let's have at least one real live game before the season is over.

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In the social whirl these days there seems to be a craze for getting up odd entertainments. You hear of pink teas, which Oliver Wendell Holmes sums up with, "giggles, gabble, goggle and gig," carnation luncheons, butterfly dinners, and now I'm told of a thoroughly unique affair recently given on West Grace street to a number of married gentlemen by a friend of theirs. It is hardly necessary to state that the wives of the gentlemen were not in attendance. It was an onion supper. Did you ever "take in" one? If so, it was unnecessary to inform your neighbors. Four or five guests who are devoted to the vegetable, but through the earnest solicitation of their respective spouses abstain from partaking, helped themselves lavishly to the appetizing dish, the ingredients of which were either partially or totally bona fide onions. It is said there were—

Onions fried, onions stewed, Onions boiled and onions brewed; Onions new, onions old, Onions hot and onions cold; Onions weak and onions "strong."

In fact, every conceivable culinary preparation in the shape of onions. A lady is said to have walked about the street a few minutes before supper was served, and quoted absent-mindedly:

"Then methought the air grew denser, Perfumed from an unseen censer—"

Little appreciating the aptness of the quotation. It was nearly 11 o'clock when the guests departed. Whether each of the husbands received his usual osculatory greeting from his wife has not been ascertained. The indications point to the negative side of the question.

YOUR UNCLE FULLER.

The Mozart Musicals.

The following exceptionally attractive programme will be rendered Monday evening at the Mozart musicals by favorite artists from Baltimore, viz: Mrs. R. Ortmann, soprano; Mr. Xavier Reiter, French horn virtuoso; Mr. J. C. Van Hulsteyn, violinist; Mr. Randolph Green, cello; Mr. Ross Jungnickel, pianist:

1. Trio, "Italian Theme" (Vollweiler), Messrs. Jungnickel, Van Hulsteyn and Green.

2. Aria, from opera, "The Fugitive" (Kretschmer), Mrs. Ortmann.

3. French horn solo, "A Night in May" (Maler), Mr. Reiter.

4. Violin solo, "Air Varie" (Vieuxtemps), Mr. Van Hulsteyn.

5. Songs, with horn obligato—Das Waldeslein (Lachner); b. Wanderer's Joy (Steiner), Mrs. Ortmann.

6. Violin, a Romance (Feret), b. Polonaise No. 2 (Wienlawski), Mr. Van Hulsteyn.

7. French horn solo, "Mephisto" (Joseph Reiter), Mr. Xavier Reiter.

8. Solo, "Serenade" (Richard Strauss), Mrs. Ortmann.

9. Grand duo, piano and cello, "Il Trovatore" (Servalis), Messrs. Jungnickel and Green.

Money in California Fruit.

Captain J. S. Garcia has a prune orchard of five acres that will bring him the nice little sum of \$2,000 this year. He has been offered \$9 a ton for the crop, and a very conservative estimate puts the value of the crop at \$180,000. Several other prune orchards in Ontario will make nearly as good a showing.—Ontario (Cal.) Record.

Fruit crops being sold on the tree at from \$30 to \$40 per acre are frequently reported this year. The croakers will say that this won't occur next year. Perhaps not; but the man who makes enough off one crop to repay his whole investment is subject to a cheerful frame of mind, whatever occurs next year.—Tulare Register.

A. E. Newby will make a small fortune this season out of Ventura apricots. It is said that he bought 2,000 tons, for which he paid \$15 a ton, or say \$30,000. He will make \$30 a ton, or say \$60,000 out of the venture.—Ventura Free Press.

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